

TEIGNMOUTH URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

AND

ACKD. BY
~~✓~~

PORT HEALTH AUTHORITY

ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR

1963



H. M. DAVIES,
M.A., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H..
ASSISTANT COUNTY MEDICAL OFFICER:
DEVON COUNTY COUNCIL.
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH:
DAWLISH U.D.C.
NEWTON ABBOT R.D.C.
NEWTON ABBOT U.D.C.
TEIGNMOUTH U.D.C. AND
PORT HEALTH AUTHORITY.

6/8 SHERBORNE ROAD,
NEWTON ABBOT

TELEPHONE NO.: NEWTON ABBOT 2780

TEIGNMOUTH URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT - 1963.

Mr. Chairman and Councillors

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I present my Report for the year ended 31st. December, 1963, together with that of the Public Health Inspector.

The Vital Statistics again show no material differences between the figures for this District and those of the Administrative County of Devon. The 'crude' Birth and Death rates depend upon the actual number of births and deaths which have taken place during the year. The 'corrected' rates are the 'crude' rates modified by a factor worked out by the Registrar General. This takes into account the larger proportion of elderly persons in the District.

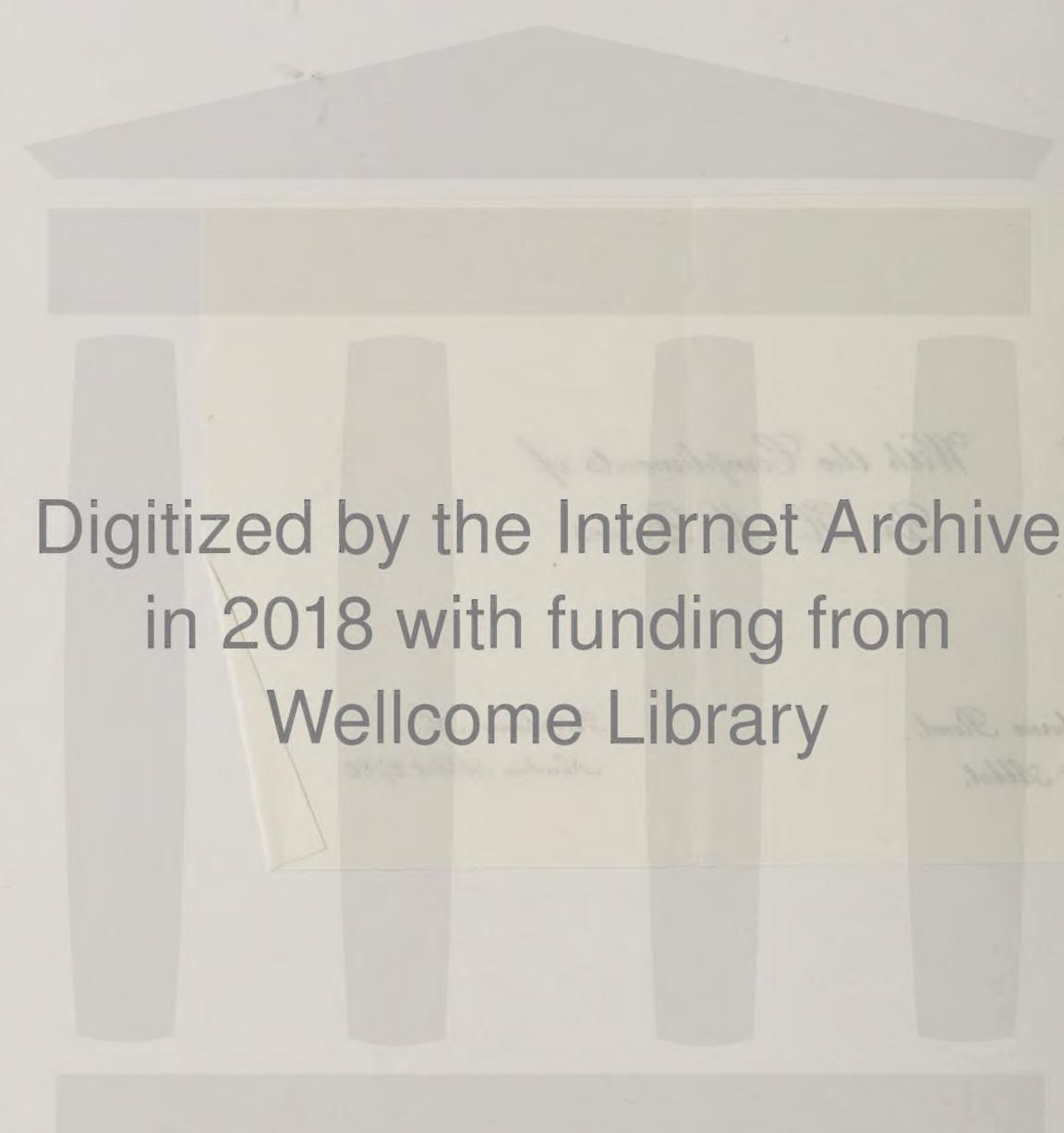
Regarding the age at death, it is of note that 130 of the 228 deaths which occurred were in respect of persons of 75 years of age and more.

The number of cases of Infectious Diseases notified during 1963 was 89. This is 74 more than in the previous year, and is due almost entirely to an increase in the number of cases of Measles. You will also notice the absence of Diphteria, Whooping Cough, Tetanus, Typhoid, Para-Typhoid, Poliomyelitis, and the fact that only one case of Tuberculosis was notified. All these diseases are now under almost complete control and could be eliminated from the Country by the exercise of continued vigilance and a relatively small expenditure of money. Once again I urge all parents to see that their children are given the protection which is available, free of charge, through their Family Doctor or through the County Council Child Welfare Clinics and schools.

*With the Compliments of
Dr. H. M. Davies*

*6/8 Sherborne Road,
Newton Abbot.*

*Telephone No.
Newton Abbot 2780*



Digitized by the Internet Archive
in 2018 with funding from
Wellcome Library

<https://archive.org/details/b30180685>

In a district such as this with its high proportion of elderly persons, many cases are found where elderly people are living in very poor circumstances. The National Assistance Acts provide for the removal of persons in need of care and attention to Hospital or Welfare Homes, as necessary, but it is obviously more advantageous that the necessary assistance should be provided in the person's home, or that they should be admitted to Homes and Hospitals on a voluntary basis, than it is to have to use compulsory powers. The need for compulsion was required in one case during the year.

I should like to thank, once again, the Chairman, Councillors and all members of the staff for the help and co-operation received.

I have the honour to be,
Your obedient Servant,

Adams

Medical Officer of Health.

November, 1964.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

Area (in acres).....	2,068
Population mid 1963.....	11,260
Population 1961 Census.....	11,528
Rateable value as at the 1st. January 1963.....	£174,607
Rateable value as at the 31st. December 1963.....	£418,628
Product of 1d. rate as at the 1st. April 1963.....	£1,707

VITAL STATISTICS

Live Births

	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	55	66	121
Illegitimate	9	3	12
	<u>64</u>	<u>69</u>	<u>133</u>

Crude Live Birth rate per 1000 total population	11.81
Corrected Live Birth rate per 1000 total population	16.65
Crude Live Birth rate per 1000 total population Administrative County of Devon	14.91
Corrected Live Birth rate per 1000 total population Administrative County of Devon	17.89
Live Birth rate per 1000 total population England and Wales	18.2

Still Births

	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	6	-	6
Illegitimate	-	-	-
Still Birth rate per 1000 total live and still births			43.17
Still Birth rate per 1000 total live and still births Administrative County of Devon			16.87
Corresponding rate for England and Wales			17.2

DEATHS

The average age at death, from all causes, was found to be 73.5 years. The average age of all male deaths during 1963 was 70.9 and for female deaths 76.3 years.

Male	Female	Total
115	113	228
Crude Death rate per 1000 total population		20.25
Corrected Death rate per 1000 total population		11.75
Crude Death rate per 1000 total population Administrative County of Devon		15.54
Corrected Death rate per 1000 total population Administrative County of Devon		11.66
Death rate per 1000 total population England and Wales		12.2

Infant Mortality
(Death of Infants under One Year)

	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	1	2	3
Illegitimate	1	-	1
Infant Mortality rate per 1000 related live births			30.1
Infant Mortality rate Administrative County of Devon			18.77
Corresponding rate for England and Wales			21.1

Neo-Natal Mortality
(Death of Infants under Four Weeks)

	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	1	1	2
Illegitimate	1	-	1
Neo-Natal Mortality rate per 1000 related live births			22.56
Neo-Natal Mortality rate Administrative County of Devon			13.58
Corresponding rate for England and Wales			14.2

Peri-Natal Mortality
(Death of Infants under One Week)

	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	1	1	2
Illegitimate	1	-	1
Peri-Natal Mortality rate (Stillbirths and death of Infants under one week per 1000 total live and still births			64.67
Peri-Natal Mortality rate Administrative County of Devon			28.53
Corresponding rate for England and Wales			29.3

Maternal Mortality

No maternal deaths occurred in Teignmouth during 1963. Two maternal deaths occurred within the Administrative County of Devon.

AGE AT DEATH

	Male	Female
Infants under Four Weeks	2	1
Four weeks and under One year	-	1
1 - 4	-	-
5 - 14	1	-
15 - 24	3	1
25 - 34	1	-
35 - 44	-	1
45 - 54	4	5
55 -- 64	14	6
65 - 74	33	25
75 and over	57	73
	<u>115</u>	<u>113</u>

Total : 228

CAUSES OF DEATH

	Male	Female
All causes	115	113
Syphilitic disease	1	-
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	-	1
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	5	2
Malignant neoplasm, breast	-	5
Malignant neoplasm, uterus	-	1
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	15	10
Leukaemia, Aleukaemia	1	-
Diabetes	1	-
Vascular lesions of nervous system	13	28
Coronary disease, angina	29	14
Hypertension with heart disease	6	7
Other heart disease	18	18
Other circulatory disease	4	6
Influenza	-	1
Pneumonia	5	2
Bronchitis	3	1
Other diseases of respiratory system	1	-
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	2	-
Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	1	-
Hyperplasia of prostate	3	-
Congenital malformations	-	1
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	4	12
Accidents other than motor vehicle accidents	2	4
Suicide	1	-
	<u>115</u>	<u>113</u>

Total : 228

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

	Male	Female	Total
Measles	51	36	87
Pneumonia	1	1	2

TUBERCULOSIS

One case of tuberculosis - non-pulmonary - was notified during 1963. This occurred in a female in the 65 years and over age group.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACTS, 1948 and 1951

Official action under Section 47 of the National Assistance Acts, 1948 and 1951 was necessary in one case during 1963.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I submit my Annual Report for the year ended 31st December, 1963.

This year has seen the commencement of two major projects, both involving housing.

The first is the Central Redevelopment Area which will, if the Order is confirmed, replace a number of sub-standard houses with modern units. Confirmation of an Unfitness Order in this area was received in December, thus marking the first stage.

The second project is the Kingsway Redevelopment Scheme in which it is hoped to replace the existing 100 prefabricated bungalows with twice as many permanent housing units over a period of 6 years. Phase 1 of the scheme is under way with work having started on the building of 13 units - 7 three bedroom houses and 6 two bedroom flats - on vacant land and permission has been sought to demolish an equal number of bungalows in order that Phase 2 may go ahead.

The new refuse rounds appear to be working satisfactorily after initial difficulties with the expected reduction in overtime payments, and the Tip is in excellant condition.

Once again I was unable, owing to the pressure of other work, to make the number of routine visits necessary in a seaside town of this size.

INSPECTIONS AND VISITS

During the year 2246 inspections and visits were made to various premises for the stated purposes :-

Inspections in connection with General Public Health work - (This figure is inclusive of visits re Camping Sites, Public Conveniences, Schools, Shops, Infectious Disease, Verminous Premises, Piggeries, Licensed Premises, Miscellaneous Visits, etc:) 316

Inspections in connection with Factories and Inspections re storage of Petroleum and Explosives : 74

Inspection and Visits re Drainage and the application of the Byelaws : 761

Inspections and Visits re Housing - i.e. Slum Clearance Premises, Unfit Houses, Houses for repair and allocation of Council premises : 581

Inspections of Food Premises, Restaurants and Cafes, Hotels and Boarding Houses : 281

Visits re Refuse Collection and Disposal : 202

Visits re Rats and Mice : 20

Visits re Sampling of Water and Ice Cream : 11

During the inspections re Drainage 581 Smoke and Water Tests were applied to various sections of drainage to prove soundness.

RODENT CONTROL

In addition to the 20 visits paid in relation to rat and mice infestation by the Public Health Inspector, 191 inspections and 52 treatments have also been made by the Rodent Operator.

In November a 10% test bait of all manholes in the District was carried out followed by a block treatment in the vicinity of each of the 21 manholes showing evidence of an infestation.

FOOD CONDEMNATIONS AND THE APPLICATION OF THE FOOD HYGIENE REGULATIONS, 1955 and 1960

During the year the following food has been condemned as unfit for human consumption :-

210 lbs.	Pork
105 lbs.	Beef
10 lbs.	Frozen Kidneys
10 lbs.	Soused HERRINGS
40 lbs.	Pickled Onions
88 lbs.	Rice
54 lbs.	Sugar
49 lbs.	Mixed Fruits
9 lbs.	Lentils
6 lbs.	Flour
1 lb.	Tea
12 lbs.	Butter

also 116 tins and packets of various foods weighing approximately 394 lbs. have been destroyed including in this figure 172 lbs. of tinned cooked ham. This makes a total weight of 988 lbs.

A total of 281 routine inspections were made to Food Shops, Cafes, Hotels, etc: to ensure compliance with the Food Hygiene Regulations. It was not necessary during the year to institute proceedings against any person and verbal warnings and advice were sufficient in most cases to obtain the improvements required.

SLAUGHTERHOUSES

There are no slaughterhouses within the District.

COMMON LODGING HOUSES

There are no Registered Common Lodging Houses within the District.

SEWERAGE

Nearly all the houses in the District are connected to the foul sewerage system. Sewage flows by gravity to pumping stations at Teignmouth and Shaldon where it is screened, disintegrated and lifted to storage tanks, to be held until after high tide, when it is discharged through controlled outlets on either side of the river mouth. The enormous tidal outflow from the Estuary carries it far out to sea and the penstocks are closed again before low tide to prevent fouling of the Estuary on the flowing tide.

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

New refuse collection rounds were put into operation at the beginning of the year and after modifications found necessary by experience, the result has been encouraging in that overtime was almost eliminated except during the season.

The institution of a form of contract for the removal of trade refuse from shops, etc. and a charge for extra collections from Hotels, etc. provided a more efficient service and produced the sum of £132.15. Od during the financial year.

Refuse is disposed of by controlled tipping at Broadmeadow and there were no rats found and no complaints of flies this year. The life of the present tip is rapidly coming to its close due to the phenomenal amount of refuse being collected.

HOUSING

In August the Ministry of Housing and Local Government held a Public Inquiry after objections had been made to an Unfitness Order made by the Council under the Housing Act, 1957 and Land Compensation Act, 1961 involving 16 houses in the Central Redevelopment Area. This Order was confirmed in December.

The occupiers of these houses are to be rehoused within the Development Area and plans are under preparation for the provision of the necessary housing units.

In addition to this Order four houses were Closed under Section 16/17 of the Housing Act, 1957, as not capable of being made fit at reasonable expense. Of these two were in the Central Redevelopment Area, one being owned by the Council.

I have already mentioned that the Kingsway Redevelopment Scheme has been commenced and will eventually provide additional housing units but only 20 premises owned by the Council became available for re-allocation to families on the Housing List. Transfers have been arranged between tenants to assist the problem of overcrowding or under-occupation.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

John Langley
Public Health Inspector

November, 1964.

FACTORIES ACT, 1961

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH IN RESPECT OF THE YEAR 1963 FOR THE URBAN DISTRICT OF TEIGNMOUTH IN THE COUNTY OF DEVON

Prescribed Particulars on the Administration of the Factories Act, 1961

PART 1 OF THE ACT

1. INSPECTIONS for the purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by the Public Health Inspector)

				Number of
	No: on Register	Inspec tions	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(i) Factories in which S 1,2,3,4, & 6 are to be enforced by L/A		20	8	2 NIL
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which S 7 is enforced by the L/A		94	38	2 NIL
(iii) Other premises in which S 7 is enforced by the L/A (excluding out-workers' premises)		Nil	Nil	Nil NIL
TOTALS		114	46	4 NIL

2. CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND

				No: of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	No: of cases in which defects were found	Remedies	To H.M. By H.M.	in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	died	Insptr.	Insptr.
Want of cleanliness	S 1	2	2	- Nil
Overcrowding	S 2	-	-	- Nil
Unreasonable				
Temperature	S 3	-	-	- Nil
Inadequate				
Ventilation	S 4	-	-	- Nil
Ineffective drainage				
of floors	S 6	1	1	- Nil
Sanitary Conveniences				
(a) Insufficient	S 7	1	1	- Nil
(b) Unsuitable or				
defective		2	1	- Nil
(c) Not separate				
for Sexes		-	-	- Nil
Other offences				
against the Act		-	-	- Nil
TOTALS		6	5	- Nil

No cases of outwork being carried out in unwholesome premises have been found and consequently Table 3 has not been included.

WATER SUPPLY

Water Engineer's Report for the year ended 31st December, 1963
to 31st September, 1963

This was the last year in which the Teignmouth Urban District Council was responsible for Water Supply, the undertaking having been handed over to the South West Devon Water Board on 1st October, 1963.

There was a continuous supply throughout the year.

The history of public supplies started with the Improvement Act of 1836 when the Authority of that time were empowered to improve the water supply. The population then was barely 4,000 and the supply was obtained from public and private wells and the Streams which ran through the Town.

Works were then constructed as follows :-

1837 Land for Landscore reservoir acquired and reservoir probably built soon after.

1871 Land for Hazeldown reservoir acquired and reservoir probably built soon after.

1885 Shaldon Waterworks constructed - with well.

1887 Mylor Waterworks constructed - with well.

1898 Landscore and Hazeldown reservoirs roofed in.

1907 New trunk main from Park Hill to take supply, in bulk, from Paignton U.D.C.

1936 Trunk main (1907) relaid from Park Hill to River Teign.

1954 Shaldon Waterworks discontinued.
Forches reservoir constructed and new trunk main laid.

1958 Mill Lane reservoir constructed.
Booster Station at Park Hill constructed.

1961 New trunk main from Teigngrace laid (Torquay Corporation Waterworks supply).

1963 Hazeldown Booster Station designed and machinery ordered.

Water Engineer

SECTION 1 - STAFF

TABLE A

Name of Officer	Nature of Appointment	Date of Appointment	Qualifications	Any other appointments
Dr. H. M. Davies	Port Medical Officer	10th July, 1953	M.A., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H.	Medical Officer of Health: Newton Abbot R.D.C. Dawlish U.D.C. Newton Abbot U.D.C. Teignmouth U.D.C. Assistant County Medical Officer - Devon County Council
P. Langston	Port Health Inspector	1st April 1959	C.R.S.I., (Meat & Other Foods Certificate)	Public Health Inspector & Housing Officer - Teignmouth U.D.C.
Address and telephone number of Medical Officer of Health		6/8 Sherborne Road, Newton Abbot. 'phone Newton Abbot 2780.		

SECTION 11

AMOUNT OF SHIPPING ENTERING THE DISTRICT DURING THE YEAR

TABLE B

SHIPS FROM	NUMBER	TONNAGE	BY THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH	NUMBER INSPECTED	NUMBER OF SHIPS REPORTED AS HAVING HAD, DURING THE VOYAGE, INFECTIOUS DISEASES ON BOARD	
					HEALTH INSPECTOR	Nil
Foreign Ports	236	53,892		3	11	Nil
Coastwise	333	79,934		3	18	Nil
TOTAL	569	133,826		6	29	Nil

SECTION III

CHARACTER OF SHIPPING AND TRADE DURING THE YEAR

TABLE C

Passenger Traffic (Number of passengers INWARDS ...
(Number of passengers OUTWARDS
This is not a port approved under the Aliens Order, 1920

Cargo Traffic Principal IMPORTS: Coal, Timber, Cement,
Bricks, Tiles, Hardboard,
Potatoes, Cider.
Principal EXPORTS: Clay, Coke, Scrap Metal.

POR TS from which ships arrive: Amsterdam, Antwerp, Bayonne,
Bilbao, Bremen, Brest, Caen, Calais, Capella, Cherbourg
Concarneau, Dieppe, Dordrecht, Duvarnez, Dunkirk,
Fecamp, Gijon, Granville, Ghent, Gruvon, Guernsey,
Hamburg, Hamina, Honfleur, Kasko, Kemi, Kiel, Kotka,
Le Guilde, Le Havre, La Pallice, Morlaix, Nantes,
Pontrieux, Quimper, Randers, Roscoff, Rotterdam, Rouen,
Rumpst, Santander, St. Brieuc, St. Helier, St. Malo,
St. Nazaire, St. Peter Port, Scheveningen, Treguir,
Treport, Uddeualla, Zaandam.

COASTWISE:- Amble, Appledore, Ardrossan, Avonmouth, Barnstaple,
Barrow, Barrydock, Belfast, Bideford, Birkenhead, Blyth,
Bridgwater, Bridport, Bristol, Cardiff, Charlestown,
Coleraine, Cork, Cowes, Dartmouth, Dover, Dublin, Dundalk,
Dungarven, Exmouth, Falmouth, Felixstowe, Flushing, Fowey,
Galway, Garston, Glasgow, Goole, Grangemouth, Greenock,
Great Yarmouth, Ipswich, Hayle, Hull, Kilkeel, Kilrush,
Kinsale, Lancaster, Limerick, Littlehampton, Liverpool,
London, Londonderry, Manchester, Middlesbrough,
Milford Haven, Mostyn, Newhaven, Newport, New Ross,
Par, Penzance, Plymouth, Poole, Portsmouth, Preston,
Runcorn, Sharpness, Shoreham, Silloth, Southampton,
Swansea, Totnes, Truro, Waterford, Weymouth.

SECTION IV

INLAND BARGE TRAFFIC

Numbers and tonnage using the district and places served by
the traffic - Nil

SECTION V

WATER SUPPLY - No change.

SECTION VI

PUBLIC HEALTH (SHIPS) REGULATIONS, 1952 - No change

SECTION VII

SMALLPOX

1. The Isolation Hospital to which Smallpox cases will be sent from the district is the Smallpox Hospital, Upton Pyne, near Exeter (Tel. No. Stoke Canon 207)
2. Transport arrangements will be made by the Medical Superintendent of the Isolation Hospital, Exeter. (Tel. No. Exeter 67158)
3. The following consultants are available as and when necessary:-
Dr. J. Macrae, Ham Green Isolation Hospital, Bristol,
Dr. W. A. Lister, 10 The Crescent, Plymouth.
4. Specimens for laboratory diagnosis will be sent to the:-
Virus Reference Laboratory,
Central Public Health Laboratory,
Colindale,
London, N.W.9.

SECTION VIII

VENERAL DISEASE - no change

SECTION IX

Cases of notifiable and other infectious disease on ships
No cases of notifiable and other infectious diseases were reported during the year.

SECTION X

Observations on the occurrence of malaria in ships
No cases of malaria were notified during the year

SECTION XI

Measures taken against ships infected with or suspected for plague.

No action was necessary under this section.

SECTION XII

Measures against rodents in ships from foreign ports

1. Procedures for inspection of ships for rats

Enquiries are made from masters of vessels using the port, by the Public Health Inspector, regarding the presence of rats.

2. Arrangements for the bacteriological or pathological examination of rodents, with special reference to rodent plague, including the number of rodents sent for examination during the year

Facilities are available for the bacteriological examination of rodents at the Public Health Laboratory at Exeter. No rodents were sent for examination during the year.

3. Arrangements in the district for deratting ships, the methods used, and, if done by a commercial contractor, the name of the contractor.

A ship requiring deratting can now be dealt with at Teignmouth.

4. Progress in the rat-proofing of ships

No action was taken in this matter at Teignmouth during 1963.

TABLE E

Rodents destroyed during the year in ships from foreign ports.

No rats were destroyed at Teignmouth, during 1963, in ships from foreign ports.

TABLE F

Deratting Certificates and Deratting Exemption Certificates issued during the year for ships from foreign ports.

No Deratting Certificates were issued during 1963.

Seven Deratting Exemption Certificates were issued during 1963.

SECTION X111

Inspection of ships for nuisances.

TABLE G - Inspections and Notices

Eleven inspections were carried out during 1963 of ships from foreign ports. No notices were served.

SECTION X1V

Public Health (Shell-fish) Regulations, 1934 and 1948.

No change.

SECTION XV

Medical Inspection of Aliens

Not applicable to this Authority.

